

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 33 and 35-41 are amended, as shown below. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status, is provided below.

1. **(Previously presented)** A reagent composition comprising:
a tetrazolium dye;
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and
a flavin agent in an amount effective to stabilize said composition.
2. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said flavin agent is flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD).
3. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said Group IIIA agent is a borate or boric acid.
4. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said reagent composition comprises an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.
5. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.
6. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.
7. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said phenazine agent is phenazine ethosulfate (PES).

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8. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.

9. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is a fluid composition.

10. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is a dry composition.

11-32. **(Cancelled)**

33. **(Currently amended)** The method composition of claim 1, wherein said flavin agent and said tetrazolium dye are present at a molar ratio of about 0.02 to about 17.

34. **(Previously presented)** A reagent composition comprising:
a tetrazolium dye;
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and
a Group IIIA compound in an amount effective to stabilize said composition;
wherein said Group IIIA compound and said tetrazolium dye are present at a molar ratio of about 50 to about 800.

35. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, Claim 1, wherein said reagent composition comprises an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.

36. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 35, Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.

37. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 35, Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.

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38. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, ~~Claim 4~~, wherein said phenazine agent is PES.

39. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 35, ~~Claim 4~~, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.

40. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, ~~Claim 4~~, wherein said composition is a fluid composition.

41. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, ~~Claim 4~~, wherein said composition is a dry composition.

42. **(Previously presented)** A reagent composition comprising:
a tetrazolium dye;
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and
a Group IIIA compound and a flavin stabilizing agent.